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TAGS: OREP (WIGGINS, CHARLES E.), SREF

SUBJECT: PAROLE PROGRAM

REF: SANTIAGO 5729; SANTIAGO 5775

1. ON AUGUST 23, CODEL WIGGINS MET WITH AMBASSADOR, POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND CONSULAR OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILEAN PAROLE PROGRAM.

2. WIGGINS ASKED SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND TOOK NOTES ON THE MECHANICS OF THE PAROLE PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS SECURITY CHECKS. WE INFORMED HIM THAT TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED APPLICATIONS THROUGH UNHCR FROM 29 PRINCIPALS, MOSTLY SKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS SUCH AS MECHANICS AND CHAUFFEURS, AND INTERVIEWS SHOULD BEGIN THIS WEEK. WE SAID NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO SANTIAGO FOR SECURITY CHECKS AND LOCAL CHECKS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE. ALSO, THAT ALL NAMES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY CHECKS AND FINAL PAROLE DECISIONS WILL BE MADE

3. WIGGINS SAID ONE PROBLEM WITH CHECK PROCEDURE IS THAT WE MUST RELY TO GREAT EXTENT ON PERUVIAN AND CHILEAN SECURITY AGENCIES. SINCE PERU AND CHILE ARE ANXIOUS TO GET RID OF UNDERSIRABLE CHILEANS, THESE AGENCIES MIGHT WITHHOLD ADVERSE INFORMATION. WE ASSURED CODEL THAT SO FAR SECURITY RISKS SEEM SLIGHT AND OUR CHECKS WOULD BE AS RIGOROUS AS POSSIBLE.

4. WIGGINS VOICED CONCERN THAT SINCE OTHER COUNTRIES HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALREADY HAD THEIR PICK OF REFUGEES, U.S. WOULD BE LEFT WITH

DREGS. IN THIS REGARD, HE SEEMED TO HAVE THE IDEA THAT THERE WOULD BE A QUOTA OF ONE HUNDRED REFUGEES FROM PERU AND THAT WE MIGHT TAKE THE FIRST OF THE LOT RATHER THAN THE BEST. WE INFORMED CODEL THAT OUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE THAT A "LIMITED" NUMBER OF "QUALIFIED" CHILEANS WOULD BE ACCEPTED UNDER PROGRAM AND THAT INS WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE MAKING PAROLE DECISIONS.

5. WIGGINS ALSO EXPRESSED PERSONAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT PAROLE PROGRAM. HE ASKED WHAT WAS IN IT FOR U.S. EMBOFFS POINTED OUT THAT PROGRAM IS A REAFFIRMATION OF U.S. TRADITION OF SHELTERING REFUGEES; THAT IT WOULD BE A REASSURANCE, EVEN TO OUR FRIENDS, THAT U.S. CONTINUES OUTWARD-LOOKING POLICIES; AND THAT, TO A LIMITED DEGREE, IT WOULD HELP OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PERU. WIGGINS SAID THAT TO HIS MIND THE BEST REASON FOR PROGRAM IS THAT IT ENABLES US TO RETAIN LEVERAGE WITH REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE ICEM.  
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